



Upcoming Events

February 17—19, 2010
Electric Superintendent & Foreman's Meeting. Register/more information: [Here](#)

March 3 & 4, 2010
Advanced H2O Workshops (Treatment March 3, Distribution March 4). Register/more information: [Here](#)

March 15 — 18, 2010
Gas Pipeline Welder Qualification Workshops (Des Moines Area Comm. College, Ankeny, March 15 —17; Iowa Lakes Comm. College, Emmetsburg, March 15 — 18). Register/more information: [Here](#)

IAMU Business Meeting conducted via webinar



◆ **The IAMU General Membership Business Meeting was presented via webinar February 10** after the association's Winter Meeting was canceled due to weather.

The Board of Directors approved a \$3.2 million association budget (with no membership rate increases) for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2010. The 2010-11 Officers and Directors were elected, and are as follows: President: **Jim Krieg**, Cedar Falls; 1st Vice President: **Darrel Wenzel**, Independence; 2nd Vice President: **Pat Stief**, Traer; Secretary/Treasurer: **Diane Lucas**, Breda; Past President: **Bob Sewell**, Milford; Directors 2/29/11: **Kent Hillsabeck**, Manning; **Sal LoBianco**, Muscatine; Directors 2/28/12: **Craig Hall**, Brooklyn; **Murray Hulstein**, Sioux Center; Directors 2/28/10: **John Bilsten**, Algona (additional three-year term); and **Bruce Hardin**, Evely (additional three-year term).



More funding in Round Two of broadband stimulus



◆ **Round Two of the federal government's Broadband Stimulus program is now accepting applications.** Offered as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, this second and final round of grants and loans for broadband projects has more funding available than was awarded in Round One (a total of \$4.8 billion between the National Information and Technology Administration [NTIA] and Rural Utilities Service [RUS]). The agencies have also modified the rules for applying to make the process easier. **Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2010**, and all awards will be announced by September 30, 2010.

Funding priorities will go to projects which incorporate public-private partnership (particularly those that have expressed a demand or indicated a need); those which intend to bolster growth in economically distressed areas; community colleges which have expressed demand; public safety entities which have expressed demand; "Middle Mile" infrastructure that includes a "Last Mile" component in underserved/unserved areas (20%<); and projects with a match greater than 30%. Last Mile projects are discouraged; NTIA will fund them only if part of a Middle Mile project and in underserved/unserved areas. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

Come one, come all to ISEPA Annual Meeting Feb. 26



◆ All municipal utility employees and members of the general public are invited to attend the Iowa Stored Energy Park Agency (ISEPA) Annual Meeting. The event will be held February 26 at 10 a.m. at Memorial Hall in Dallas Center, 1502 Walnut St. Anyone involved in, or simply wanting to learn more about The Iowa Stored Energy Park (ISEP), is urged to attend. An interesting and informative tour of the ISEP site, where drilling has begun, will be held following the meeting.

The Annual Meeting agenda will feature a panel discussion with Tom Wind, Wind Utility Consulting (current market conditions); Roya Stanley, Director of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence (Iowa's perspective); and Kent Holst, ISEP Development Director (ISEPA 2010 budget and financing resources). Lunch will follow the business meeting. Anyone planning to attend is asked to R.S.V.P. to Kent Holst, kentholst@traer.net or 319-239-8968.

ISEP is a Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) facility, to be constructed near Dallas Center. It will utilize air stored underground at naturally occurring pressures. The landmark ISEP facility will be only the third one of its kind in the world; the other two are located in Alabama and Germany. Stored air will be released when needed to help generate energy for cities and utilities which have purchased rights to utilize it. Learn more at www.isepa.com.

State energy appliance rebates coming, with more info

◆ **IAMU members are reminded to make plans now for the State Energy Appliance Rebate program (first announced in the January 19, 2010 IAMU Informer).**

The program, administered by the Iowa Office of Energy Independence (funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) will officially launch March 1, 2010 at 8 a.m. It will offer Iowa residential utility customers rebates on qualifying appliance purchases. An official web page and toll-free phone number for the program are scheduled to be released the last week of February – watch the *Informer* for more details.



Note: An updated listing of qualifying appliances has been posted at www.energy.iowa.gov.